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Chattanooga, Aug 10th 1862

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My dearest Wife I arrived here last night on the car  
from Rome - our horses will be here tomorrow and then  
I presume we shall move over the river on the  
Kashville road. The journey has been long and fatiguing  
and I have got so dirty and ragged that I scarcely  
expect to look decent and clean whilst on the army.  
We are now within twenty eight miles of the enemy  
and I presume as soon as the army is reorganized  
that we shall advance upon them. I look for nothing  
but active service from now until winter and I am  
in hope with good result to the Confederate cause.  
We brought our guns and ammunition from Rome on platform  
cars and we had to crowd in amongst the guns as best  
we could. We are now at the depot waiting orders to  
unload and it is anything but a desirable place  
for them and guards every whither and we can scarcely  
move from the cars without being stopped by them.  
Water is very scarce and we can barely get enough to  
drink and washing is out of the question. When we get  
to our camping ground however we shall have plenty  
and I am then going to make an effort to get clean.  
I have not had any opportunity of sending to the P.O.  
as yet but will try and do so during the day and  
I hope to find a letter from you very soon. I am  
It is so long since I heard from you that I am very  
anxious to hear how you and my little darling are  
doing. My thoughts are constantly going back to him  
and those dear ones I have left behind. I would give  
much to be with you and my dear wife, if only for a short  
time and I think if the war be of long continuance that  
I will have to employ some of my friends at home to  
get me an appointment at some of the Hospitals. One  
of our Co. was appointed Surg. of the Hospital at  
Greensboro last week. He is not discharged from



the company, but is detailed which can be done with  
the Captains permission - If I could have brought a little  
influence to bear I presume I may have got a position  
with Dr Smith when he went to Jackson, Miss as Surgeon  
of the feet - I don't know whether your father has any in-  
fluence in Jackson but if he should and opportunity  
offer, I wish he would use it - I did not know of  
Dr Smith's intention of going to Jackson until after he was  
gone and I don't know but what I may yet be able to  
do something in that quarter if I could be at home to  
push the matter but that is out of the question -

I don't mind that business I am very much satisfied  
with the army - my only object is that should an op-  
portunity occur that I should like for your father to secure  
it for me as it would give me an opportunity to be  
at home at least for awhile and would be of considerable  
advantage to me in many ways -

I hope my little daughter keeps her health - I have felt  
very uneasy and concerned to remain at Laurel Grove during  
the summer and get I saw no way of helping it - I presume  
you will return to Oxford this fall and I think if not  
already done you had better get the Doctor to contract  
for 15 or 20 cords of wood from Dr Barney or any one that  
is on the store -

I know my darling the times are close at hand  
when I would much like to be with you to encourage  
and support you in the hour of trial - You must have  
some one write me as soon as it is over and direct  
your letters to Chattanooga until you hear to the  
contrary - Always direct your letters to Stanford's Battery  
Stevedore Brigade, Cheatham's Division -

Kiss my little pet and many kisses and much  
love for you my own sweet wife -

Love to all the family - from your loving husband

Eliza Roberts

I write you last from Blue Mountain the terminus of the RR near  
Jacksonville, Ala -

Chas Robert  
Stanford's Battery

Emily Julia

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Mrs Chas Robert

John

Care John McKee Esq

Saturday,

Wazoo County

via Vaughan's Station

Miss